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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the following paragraph with that appearing on page 9, lines 9-21:

When rider 126 is on snowmobile 110, the rider will be positioned on seat 128 so that he occupies seat position 130. Seat position 130 is the point at which the weight of the rider 126 is exerted on the seat 128. This point may vary from rider to rider, given changes in height and weight from one rider to another. In cases of difficulty, it may be determined by taking a 50-percentile United States human male (having a weight of ~~174.8 pounds~~ 78 kilograms and dimensions as shown in FIGS. 19 and 20), placing him on the snowmobile in the position shown in the Figures (*i.e.*, that approximate the position of a rider a few seconds after starting the vehicle, heading straight ahead on a flat terrain), and drawing a line from his shoulder through his hip. (For purposes of this discussion, a standard person is illustrated in FIGS. 19 and 20.) The intersection of that line with the seat may be considered to be the seat position 130. It will also be understood that seat 128 will be covered with an amount of foam or similar padding-type material, and that the amount of that foam will vary from seat to seat. When the rider 126 sits upon the seat 128, his weight will cause the foam to compress and he will sink into the seat 128. Preferably, the seating position 130 is determined after this compression has occurred.